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SUBJECT: "Grow Tomatoes for Canning"...Information from the victory garden headquarters of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Here's a thought for the day. The prospects now are that civilians will have about half as many canned tomatoes from the 1945 pack as they had from the '44 pack.

In the first place, it looks as if tomatoes grown for commercial canning may be short this year. The weather had a hand in this. Farmers in the South who grow the tomato plants had an early season while the farmers farther North, where tomatoes are grown for commercial canning, had a very late spring. Before the plants could be put out in the North, they got too big for shipping.

In the second place, war requirements for canned tomatoes are large this year.

All round, it's a sad outlook for civilians. But fortunately, we can do something about our supply of canned tomatoes. We can grow our own and can 'em ourselves.

The garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture tell us tomatoes are one of the easiest plants to grow successfully...and the canning specialists say that they're not hard to can. We don't even need a pressure canner to put them up.

But before we get to canning them, we must grow them. And it's not a bit early to start.

If you need help in the way of expert advice on growing tomatoes, your county agricultural agent or victory garden leader is the man to see. Both will be glad to help.

